GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1739
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REDUCTION IN WHEAT ALLOCATION TO GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there has been an abnormal reduction in the allocation of wheat to Gujarat since June, 2006 ;

(b) If so, whether the Government has decided to reinstate the earlier quota of wheat for the State ;

(c) Whether Gujarat has not been provided the coarse grains allocated to it in lieu of the cut in allocation of wheat for May and June, 2006 ;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to release the said coarse grains to the State immediately; and

(e) The time by which it is likely to be released ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : There has been no reduction in the allocation of wheat to Gujarat since June, 2006, till date.The details of allocation of wheat since June, 2006 till November, 2006 are as follows:

(in Tonnes)

Commodity	June 2006-		October / November 2006		
	AAY	BPL	APL	AAY	BPL	APL
Wheat	11101	19954	6402	15373	21377	6402
	Total = 37457			Total = 43152		

Increase is because of allocation in lieu of coarsegrains.

(b): Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c),(d)&(e): No, Sir. On the request of the State Government, the State of Gujarat has been allocated coarse grains for the month of May and June, 2006 as per following details:

(in Tonnes)

Commodity	May 2006			June 2006		
	AAY	BPL	APL	AAY	BPL	APL
Maize	2807	935		2807	935	
Jowar	1465	488		1465	488	
Bajra	1800	600				

The foodgrains allocated to the State were required to be lifted within the validity period, subject to timely deposit of the payment by the State. While coarse grains allocated for the month of June, 2006 has been released by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), a request for extension of the validity period of coarse grains allocated for the month of May, 2006 has been received.